

## Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) A cage {1} for tapered ball bearings comprising: a cage having {9} ~~having~~ ball pockets {3} which are adjacent to one another on the circumferential side about a rotational axis {2} of the cage, wherein {1}, ~~the cage {1}~~ ~~having the following features:~~

- the ball pockets {3} are delimited on the circumferential side by webs {4},
- the cage {1} has retaining lugs {10} which are resilient in a sprung manner for axially securing the cage {1} in an annular groove {13} of an inner ring {11}, each of the retaining lugs {10} protruding from one of the side walls {5},
- circumferential flanks {14} on the retaining lugs {5} extend in an inclined manner with respect to one another.

2. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the flanks {14} which face one another on the circumferential side are inclined with respect to an imaginary plane {15} which emanates from the rotational axis and is aligned with the rotational axis {2}.

3. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the flanks {14} are flat surfaces which face the circumferential gap {16}, the surfaces being inclined at an angle of 30° with respect to an imaginary plane {15} which emanates from the rotational axis {2} and is aligned with the rotational axis {2}.

4. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~2 or 3, in which~~ the circumferential spacing between flanks {14}, which face one another at a circumferential gap {16}, of mutually adjacent retaining lugs {10} increases in the direction of the rotational axis {2}.

5. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the ball pockets {3} are delimited in at least one axial direction of the cage {1} in each case by a side wall {5} having an approximately uniform wall thickness.

6. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 5, wherein ~~in which~~ the side walls {5} are arched, starting from the webs {4}, at least in the axial direction and gaps {6} are therefore formed between the side walls {5} which protrude beyond the web {4} and are adjacent on the circumferential side.

7. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 6, wherein ~~in which~~ the retaining lugs {10} protrude in the axial direction at most to the extent that the side walls {5} protrude at most in the axial direction starting from the web {4}.

8. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 6, further comprising ~~having~~ grooves {18}, the wall thickness of the side walls {5} being reduced by in each case one of the grooves {18} and each of the grooves {18} being delimited in the direction of the rotational axis {2} by one of the retaining lugs {10} and, on the side of the ball pockets {3}, by one of the side walls {5}.

9. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 8, wherein ~~in which~~ the groove {18}, as viewed in a longitudinal section along the rotational axis {2} of the cage {1}, is described by a radius.

10. (currently amended) The cage of as-claimed-in claim 6, further comprising ~~having~~ ribs {7} in the circumferential direction between two side walls {5}, each of the ribs {7} emanating in the axial direction from in each case one of the webs {4} and

connecting in each case two of the side walls {5} to one another on the circumferential side.

11. (currently amended) The cage of ~~as-claimed-in~~ claim 10, wherein ~~in-which~~ each of the grooves {18} is delimited radially to the outside proportionately by one of the side walls {5} and by two of the ribs {7} which are separated from one another in the circumferential direction by means of one of the side walls {5}.

12. (currently amended) The cage of ~~as-claimed-in~~ claim 10, wherein ~~in-which~~ the grooves {18} are delimited partially in pairs, radially to the outside, jointly by at least one of the ribs {7}.

13. (currently amended) The cage of ~~as-claimed-in~~ claim 10, wherein ~~in-which~~ each of the circumferential gaps {16} is delimited partially radially to the outside by one of the webs {4} and by one of the ribs {7}.

14. (currently amended) The cage of ~~as-claimed-in~~ claim 1, further comprising ~~having~~ a side rim which runs on the circumferential side, the side rim {17} delimiting the ball pockets {3} in the opposite direction to the axial direction.

15. (currently amended) The cage of ~~as-claimed-in~~ claim 14, wherein ~~in-which~~ the smallest radial spacing of the side rim {17} from the rotational axis {2} of the cage {1} is greater than the greatest radial spacing of the side walls {5} from the rotational axis {2}.